



LED A DOUBLE LIFE.

Col. Plant's Sudden Death Reveals Strange Doings.

Known as "Edmund Hall" in a Quiet English Village Where He Reared a Family—Two Plates on His Coffin.

A London cable to the New York Sun says that from the west of England there comes a strange story of the double life lived by a man whose suspicion for more than 15 years, his neighbors, and even his own son, being ignorant of it till his sudden death revealed the truth.

Nineteen years ago there came to live in a house called the Old Grange in the small Dorsetshire village of Osborne, Edmund Hall, an accountant by profession. He lived at Osborne with his wife and family for 19 years during which period they gained the respect of the whole neighborhood.

Mr. Hall was a great bee fancier. On Monday, September 1, he drove with his little son to a neighboring farm in the village of Templecombe, where he took some hives of bees. Afterward he went to a farmhouse, and while taking tea with the wife of the farmer he suddenly fell dead of heart disease. No suspicions were aroused, although some surprise was expressed at the news that Mr. Hall would be buried on the following Saturday at Bristol, instead of in Osborne churchyard, where a son, 17½ years of age, who died in 1901, and a son 16 days old, who died in 1902, were buried.

On Wednesday the Bristol newspapers announced the sudden death of a heart disease on the previous Monday at a small village near Templecombe, one of the most distinguished, well-known and respected inhabitants of Bristol, Col. Edmund Carter Plant, B., who would be buried on Saturday in Bristol with full military honors.

Some residents of Sherbourne, where Hall was well known, on seeing the date and the manner and cause of the two men's deaths. But the editor of the Sherbourne Post suspected something more. He made inquiries which convinced him as to the identity of Hall and Plant, but he was unable to prove his case. However, he did not lose sight of the body, which on Friday evening was taken to the station attended by a large number of sorrowing villagers, and was placed in the guard's van. The coffin plate was seen to be inscribed "Edmund Hall. Died September 9, 1902, aged 60 years."

The Bristol undertaker entered the van with the coffin, but at the junction where the van was detached and coupled to another train the man changed to an ordinary carriage and when the train had arrived at Bristol the coffin plate was seen to be inscribed:

"Edmund Carter Plant, C. B., Colonel, Bristol Engineers, died September 9, 1902, aged 60."

On Saturday the streets of Bristol were thronged with thousands of people anxious to see the funeral, which was the finest military spectacle the populace had seen since the late Queen Victoria visited the place in 1897. Eight colonels acted as pallbearers. Thus this distinguished resident of Bristol was laid in the cemetery of the town beside his wife, who died in 1901 and to whom he was married in 1865.

Plant's career, from his boyhood with the exception of the 19 years he lived at Osborne as Hall, is well known. He had lived at Bristol since 1861. According to Who's Who, he was lieutenant colonel and colonel commanding of the Second Gloucesters. R. E. (the Bristol engineers). He passed through all the grades from sapper to colonel commanding.

Not until his death was the identity of their father revealed to their children at Osborne. "Mrs. Hall" knew, and but for the clumsy work of his legal advisers when they notified the newspapers of the colonel's death, the secret would never have been revealed. The mention of Templecombe gave the clue, however, and resulted in the exposure. The colonel's absence at Bristol or Osborne, "on business," never aroused the slightest suspicion.

Invitations are out for the nuptial wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lincoln Myers, Monday evening, January 26, at their home, 825 South street, Syracuse, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Myers were formerly residents of this city for several years, and they won a host of friends.

Mrs. Agnes Nalle Riley, the wife of Dr. Jerome A. Riley, and sister of Messrs John and Edward, and Miss Mary Nalle, was buried last week.

Chase, Lucinda. Died January 15th 1893. She was a faithful wife, a kind and good mother. May her many virtuous and loving qualities be lessons for her son and daughters, William Calvin, sr., Ella Virginia, Francis C. Lulie S., Eva A. and Ida R., to follow.

McKinley's Birth Day. The 6th birthday anniversary of the late President, Wm. McKinley, will be celebrated Thursday evening, Jan. 29 in the Wm. McKinley Normal and Industrial School, Alexandria, Va. Dr. Charles Cornell Stewart, M. D., of this city will deliver the address.

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Small Farms in Norway. Norwegian farmers are wise, and are eager to possess farms at the earliest opportunity, instead of working for other people. There are about 320,000 farmers in Norway, and 109,000 of them own farms.

Fecundity of the Oyster. The fecundity of the oyster is wonderful. A single female oyster in one season's spawning will produce, if she is of an average size, about 16,000,000 eggs, while a large specimen will produce 30,000,000 or 40,000,000.

CHARLES F. MURPHY.

Man Just Elected to Leadership of Tammany Hall is a Forceful Politician.

Charles F. Murphy is one of the youngest and yet one of the best trained leaders in Tammany hall. Born on the East side 41 years ago, he worked as a car driver for several years, and then became interested in the liquor business, which he quit three years ago after he had amassed a considerable fortune.

Early in life he became interested in politics, and joined the County democracy and followed that faction into Tammany Hall. With the death of Senator "Eddie" Hagan he succeeded to the leadership of the Eighteenth district, where he has developed an organization as compact as any—even the far-famed Twenty-eighth—in the city. He never held office except in the Van Wyck administration, when he was a dock commissioner.

In appearance Mr. Murphy is youthful far below his years. His voice is low and his manner quiet and he has a pronounced habit of never talking until he has something to say and then not telling more than he wants one to know. He was recently married and lives in an expensive style in East Seventeenth street, facing Stuyvesant square.

The new leader might be taken for a priest at first glance. His smooth-shaven face, the high, straight collar he wears, the black necktie, the dark clothing help along the idea.

But inspection shows that his face lacks something that is apparent in the faces of all priests—the expression that comes from submission. There is nothing in the face of Charles F. Murphy to indicate that he would submit to anybody. It is a fearless face, the face of a commander of men.

He has a hard gray eye and thin lips. When he smiles two funny little wrinkles form in his chin, one on each side. He has a pleasant smile, but he does not smile often. It might be said that he has two smiles—one he uses when he amuses himself and the other when somebody else amuses him. There is a difference in the smiles, but it cannot be explained on paper.

SAXON MONARCH DYING.

Passing Away of the Venerable King Albert is Momentarily Expected by His Court.

Saxony momentarily awaits the news of the death of King Albert, its venerable monarch. His majesty has suffered from violent attacks of hemorrhage, to which he has been subjected of late years. The local papers are suppressing the facts concerning the aged king's condition.

Though Princess Mathilde, the king's niece, who has just returned from his bedside in the royal palace of Sibley, it was stated that while the patient eats and sleeps well, his vitality weakens minute by minute. He is also wholly irresponsible for his actions.

HEALTH AND COMFORT.

Never use heavy bedclothing. Weight and warmth are not synonymous.

A child's appetite is a pretty fair indicator of health; so, if it fails, and the failure is not due to indiscretion in diet, see whether it is worried over lessons and has enough sleep.

To promote children's appetites, take care that they have plenty of outdoor exercise and that they have only such simple, homely food as they can digest. If this be done there will seldom, if ever, be any cause for anxiety on the score of lack of appetite.

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ART NOTES.

In spite of his age Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria is an art student. M. Hamard, the French sculptor, has just completed at Paris the model of a statue of Marshal Rochambeau, to be presented to the city of Washington as a companion to the statue of Lafayette.

Miss Helen Hyde, of San Francisco, won the first prize in a Tokio art exhibition, in which her work, done in the Japanese manner, came into competition with that of native painters. She began her studies of oriental folk in San Francisco's Chinatown.

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